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igation Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 495 steerage passengers and 120 pieces of large and 709 pieces of small baggage. Two hundred and seven pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On January 27, the steamship *Fürst Bismarck*, of the Hamburg American Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 876 steerage passengers and 157 pieces of large and 1,253 pieces of small baggage. Two hundred and sixty-five pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

Smallpox.

Smallpox in and about Naples continues to increase. During the past ten days there were 26 cases and 2 deaths, officially reported. This is no true index of the number of cases, because many are never reported.

It is not the custom to isolate cases here, therefore it is not to be hoped that the disease will soon disappear.

There is much vaccination done in the affected districts, but there are always many people who escape vaccination.

Respectfully,

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JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Plague in Formosa.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, January 22, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that, since my last report of 15th instant, no case of plague has been returned from either Osaka or Wakayama. From Formosa farther cases of plague are reported as occurring at Tainan on the 14th. From January 1 to 16 the cases of plague at Tainan numbered 28, the deaths 22. The following is a brief preliminary résumé of epidemic disease in this, Kanagawa Ken, during 1900. The genuineness of the cases reported as cholera is, in my mind, more than doubtful: Cases of cholera, 8; diphtheria, 444; dysentery, 3,003; scarlet fever, 6; smallpox, 3; typhoid fever, 553. Total, 4,017.

Respectfully,

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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Maritime quarantine transactions at Manila, Iloilo, and Cebu, during December, 1900.

MANILA, P. I., January 10, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit report of quarantine transactions for the month of December 1900, as follows:

PORT OF MANILA.

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| Bills of health issued..... | 243 |
| To foreign ports..... | 55 |
| To domestic ports..... | 188 |